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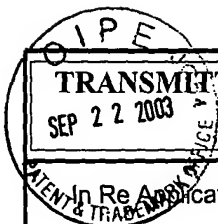
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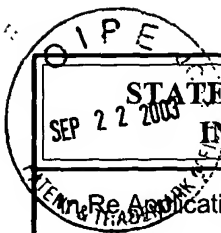
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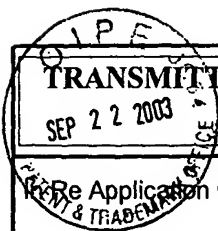
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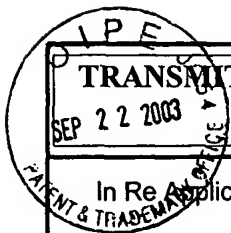
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

<u>Document No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Country</u>
1-147506	June 9, 1989	Japan
1-225906	September 8, 1989	Japan
2-58704	April 26, 1990	Japan
2-287504	November 27, 1990	Japan
5-341148	December 24, 1993	Japan
8-15562	January 19, 1996	Japan
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8-506432	July 9, 1996	Japan

The Japanese foreign patent references listed above are not in the English language. English language abstracts are included for these references.

Applicants look forward to early and favorable consideration of this matter.

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